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U.S. Application No. 09/892,474 Examiner NGUYEN BA, Art Unit 2176
Supplemental Amendment in Response to First Office Action

REMARKS

The Assignee respectfully requests entry of the above supplemental claim amendments. A non-final office action was mailed August 13, 2004, and a request for reconsideration was faxed November 12, 2004. The Assignee now presents this supplemental amendment to broaden the claims prior to a second office action. The Assignee respectfully submits that the pending claims are in a condition for allowance.

Amendment to Claims

Claims 1, 8, 14, 18, and 23 have been amended. These claims, however, are NOT amended to overcome prior art. These claims, instead, are amended to broaden their scope prior to the mailing of a second office action.

If any issues remain outstanding, the Office is requested to contact the undersigned at (919) 387-6907 or <u>scott@scottzimmerman.com</u>.

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